

BIG LOSS OF BRITISH

DeWet Inflicts Third Defeat Within a Week, According to Boers.

CASUALTIES, A REGIMENT AND A HALF

English Correspondent Sends News-

London Thinks It May Be Exaggeration of

BATTLE OCCURS SOUTH OF BRANDFORD

Heavy Loss Admitted on Both Sides in

an English Dispatch from Altwal

North-Burgers Active

at All Points.

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LONDON, April 10.—(New York World

Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Daily

News correspondent at Pretoria, under date

of April 9, writes:

"It is officially announced that a battle

has been fought south of Brandfort. Six

hundred British were killed and wounded

and 800 taken prisoners. Roberts is

declared to be finding the want of water, owing

to the capture of the water works, a great

difficulty."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Brand-

fort, dated Sunday, says:

"Yesterday General DeWet inflicted the

third defeat of the British within a week at

Meerkatsfontein, killing and wounding 600,

and capturing 800, with twelve wagons, losing

five Boers killed and nine wounded."

The Mail also publishes the following,

dated April 10, from Lourenzo Marquez:

"The Netherlands Railway company pro-

poses to have received a telegram reporting

Boer victory near Kroonstad, the Boers

capturing 900 British."

Commenting upon this the Mail remarks:

"There is a Meerkatsfontein about five

and a half miles southeast of Kroonstad,

but if the report be true this can hardly

be the place."

It has been the custom of the British war

office to allow news of Boer victories to leak

out as Boer reports first. The British con-

sultation cables in this instance an

reached Capetown and is going to Beira,

Portuguese East Africa, forthwith.

The War office proposes to limit at Cap-

etown before the end of the 30,000 horses,

which will be conveyed there in twenty-

steamers sailing from New Orleans,

and Australian ports.

London Globe and Mail. The British

armies of campaign, the large, disciplin-

ed, and well equipped, might to crush the

Cuban insurrection. "Of course

our troops far exceed in number and discipline

the conscript armies of Spain, and the

climate is in our favor, but our enemies

equally equal the ragged levies of the

Cuban insurgents."

In connection with the resumption of hos-

tilities in Natal an interesting rumor is cur-

rented that General Buller has obtained com-

mand of one of the Drakensberg passes

whereby he hopes to take the Boers in the

rear. In the event of his being successful

General Buller has enough troops to leave

20,000 men to hold Natal while he advances

by way of Hartman's, whence he would be

able to threaten the Boer positions at

Bethlehem and Kroonstad.

The officials of the foreign office here ridi-

cule the statement made in a dispatch from

St. Petersburg, published in the Affen-

blatt, according to which the czar is "ex-

ceedingly agitated" over the Anglo-Portu-

guese arrangement in regard to landing

British troops and supplies at Beira, and

that he intends to issue a proclamation pro-

testing against it in the course of his forth-

coming to Moscow. The officials aver

there is no base for the statement that the

foreign office has received letters on the

subject.

The British Foreign office officials con-

sider that it is entirely outside the province

of their interference with the Anglo-Portu-

guese arrangements. The Boer war is evi-

dently regarded at the Foreign office here

DEWEY MAY WITHDRAW SOON

Brother-in-Law McLean Hold Responsible

ADMIRAL, HOWEVER, DENIES THIS REPORT

Consultation with Bourbon Leaders

and Others Antagonistic to Mc-

Kinley—Story Printed in

New York.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—A Washington

special to the Evening World says:

It is asserted this afternoon, on what

seems to be good authority, that Admiral

Dewey has decided to withdraw as a candi-

date for the presidency and that within

few days he will formally announce his

decision.

His brother-in-law, John R. McLean, is

alleged to be responsible for this latest

move.

Within forty-eight hours Admiral Dewey

has been in consultation with democratic

leaders and others antagonistic to Presi-

dent McKinley and the opinions thus ex-

pressed, together with unfavorable or noncom-

mittee views voiced by the newspapers, decided

him, it is asserted, to withdraw from the

contest.

The New York World was the first to

announce Dewey's candidacy and later made

the statement, confirmed by the admiral,

that he was a democrat.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Admiral Dewey

said tonight that the report published in

a New York afternoon paper to the effect

that he intended to withdraw his candidacy

for the presidency was all a mistake, that

he had never given any such information.

He said that the report was a mistake.

May 17. It is practically settled that Gov-

ernor Taylor, former Governor Bradley, Sen-

ator Deboe and W. A. Gaines (colored) will

be the delegates at large to the Philadelphia

convention to meet in the republicans

are defeated before the supreme court in

the contest for state officers they will re-

nominate Governor Taylor for the November

elections.

District Democrats in a Row.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Democratic pri-

maries were held throughout the city to-

night for the purpose of selecting members

of the district convention which will name

the delegates to the national democratic

convention. The James L. Norris faction

elects fifty-six members, the anti-Norris

seven and the independents three. Norris

says he is for Bryan, but those opposed to

him declare that he was in a conspiracy

with eastern democrats to defeat the election

of Bryan delegates.

Van Voorhis Renominated.

ZANESVILLE, O., April 10.—In the re-

publican congressional convention for the

Fifteenth Ohio district, held here today,

Congressman H. Clay Van Voorhis was no-

minated for a fifth consecutive term.

Close Exhibit Sundays

American Commissioner at Paris

Granted Special Permission in Re-

gard to Government Pavilion.

PARIS, April 10.—United States Com-

missioner Ferdinand W. Peck has consulted

with the authorities at Washington respect-

ing the question of Sunday opening at the

exposition in this city and has received a

telegram saying that President McKinley

has granted the special permission to open

the exposition on the Sabbath as far as al-

lowed by the French regulations.

Mr. Peck thereupon saw the French au-

thorities and was shown a by-law which

compels the opening of all exhibits seven

days in the week and even the French

SENATE BILL IS ACCEPTED

House Committee Decides Amended Porto

Rico Measure Will Do.

ONE REPUBLICAN MEMBER DISSENTS

Some Doubt Exists as to the Result of

Final Vote, Owing to the Nar-

row Margin Between the

Two Sides.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—At a special

meeting of the ways and means committee

held today it was decided by a vote of 8

to 5 to report the Porto Rico bill as it

passed the senate without amendment and

to move a concurrence in the senate

amendment. This means the acceptance of

the territorial form of government for Porto

Rico as added to the bill by the senate

and other lesser changes on the tariff and

other features.

The vote on concurring in the senate

bill was on party lines with the exception

of Mr. McCall of Massachusetts, the re-

publican member of the committee, who

first dissented from the bill. The full vote

was as follows:

Yeas—Payne, Dalsell, Hopkins, Grosvenor,

Reuss, Dooliver, Steele and Long, re-

publicans—8.

Nays—McCall, republican, Richardson,

Swanson, McClellan and Underwood, dem-

ocrats—5.

The vote was not preceded by any ex-

tended discussion. Mr. Grosvenor promptly

made the motion to concur and report, and

it was made known during the meeting

that the bill would be taken up tomorrow

and a strong intimation was given that the

plan contemplated was to allow each side

two hours.

A meeting of the rules committee has been

called for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning,

when the question of a special rule fixing

the time and duration of debate will be

considered. If the republican side is al-

lowed the vote will come late in the day,

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—

Fair; Warmer; Northerly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg.

5 a. m. 38 1 p. m. 44

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7 " 36 3 " 45

8 " 36 4 " 45

9 " 36 5 " 45

10 " 36 6 " 45

11 " 40 7 " 44

12 " 41 8 " 42

1 " 41 9 " 40

2 " 41 10 " 40

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9 " 41 5 " 40

10 " 41 6 " 40

11 " 41 7 " 40

12 " 41 8 " 40

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CLARK MUST GO OUT

Montana Senator Compelled to Give Up

His Costly Toes.

SENATE COMMITTEE ALL AGAINST HIM

Unanimous Report to Be Made to Declare

His Seat Vacant.

SOME FAVORABLE TO HIM PERSONALLY

Expressions of Doubt as to His Own

Knowledge of Bribery.

METHODS OF PROSECUTION CONDEMNED

Different Committee Members Seem

Daily Men-Clark Bears Himself

with His Usual Composure,

Though His Face is Flashed.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The senate

committee on privileges and elections

decided unanimously in favor of the un-

seating of Senator Clark of Montana.

The report declares the seat of Senator

Clark vacant and does not expect him.